

*What's the triangular logo mean?*

ロゴマークの意味は？



**Q** What's the triangular logo mean?

**A** The three top lines are the blue sky supported by a partnership of citizens, government administration, and business. The bottom horizontal line is the green-enshrouded land.

*How do I participate?*

参加するには？



**Q** How do I participate?

**A** For example, participate in lectures and events, become a volunteer, an intern, or a joint researcher, or become a supporting member. Ask us and join in!

*How do I learn about pollution and the environment?*

学ぶには？



**Q** How do I learn about pollution and the environment?

**A** At our Nishiyodogawa Library on Pollution and the Environment you can use or borrow books and source materials, as well as videos and educational materials. We can also introduce pollution victims who relate their experiences, and host people for observation tours and training. Feel free to ask.

*What about international exchange?*

国際交流は？



**Q** What about international exchange?

**A** We have mutual visits and information exchange with environmental NGOs in Korea, China, Thailand, the Philippines, Taiwan, and other places in Asia. We also host legal trainees from Korea for training. Further, we publish materials in English, Chinese, and Korean.

*Can children participate, too?*

子どもも参加できる？



**Q** Can children participate, too?

**A** Definitely! Activities with child participation include surveys of insects and wildlife, checking air pollution, and creating environmental maps. Children are the community developers of the future.



# A Blue sky for our children

手渡したいのは青い空

## A blue sky for our children:

### *Bringing dragonflies back to the city*

Aozora Foundation is a nonprofit organization (NPO) working for the redevelopment of pollution-damaged areas. Our studies and practical activities are creatively carried out from the standpoint of pollution victims and community members, and aimed at rejuvenating local areas and environments.

## Types of Activities

- Developing pollution-free communities
- Relating the experience of severe pollution
- Learning about nature and the environment
- Making life worthwhile for pollution victims

In mainly these four areas we conduct studies, make recommendations, hold public lectures, symposiums, and other events with citizen participation, gather documents and source materials, provide information, host observation tours and trainees, lend support for school classes, conduct international exchanges, and more.



## A Brief History

The 1978 lawsuit over air pollution in Osaka's Nishiyodogawa area ended in a March 1995 settlement in which the plaintiffs and nine defendant corporations agreed to work together to redevelop pollution-stricken areas. Pollution victims wished for a future with a blue sky, which they had hoped the lawsuit would achieve. To pass that wish on to the next generation, in September 1996 they donated part of the settlement to establish the Center for the Redevelopment of Pollution-damaged Areas in Japan (Aozora Foundation, i.e., Blue Sky Foundation; under Environment Ministry jurisdiction). This foundation is the first of its kind in Japan.



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### eveloping Pollution-Free Communities

Urban environments need improvement because automobile pollution is still serious in major cities. We therefore make recommendations for people- and environment-friendly road policy, work on practical experimentation and dissemination of eco-friendly driving habits to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, offer classes on street conditions in which people together consider traffic problems and work out practical solutions, promote the use of environmental impact assessments that have citizen participation, and run other programs. We are also working on urban development that makes the most of the Nishiyodogawa area's history and community.



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### elating the Experience of Severe Pollution

We have undertaken the preservation and organization of documents on citizen movements and court cases, and community source materials that inform people about pollution and the damage it has caused in Nishiyodogawa and other parts of Japan. The Nishiyodogawa Library on Pollution and the Environment has been created in the Aozora building for this purpose, and it is open to everyone.

Other initiatives include collaboration with schools and developing educational materials, hosting people for observation tours and training, and exchanges with Asian environmental NGOs.



## Redeveloping Pollution-Devastated Areas

Redeveloping pollution-devastated areas involves more than just rehabilitating, creating, and conserving the natural environment. It is accomplished by efforts including the recovery and improvement of local residents' health; recovery and nurturing of community functions damaged by economics-first development; and rebuilding trust and partnerships among administrative authorities, businesses, and local residents. This requires the cooperation of municipalities, businesses, and the rest of society's actors under the principle of "cooperation" as proposed in the Basic Environment Plan, and from the citizens' standpoint.



## Learning about Nature and the Environment

Local citizens, including children, participate in our efforts to gather environmental information available from our immediate environment and living things in our midst. In addition to surveys of indicators like dandelions and shed cicada skins, and surveys of organisms in the Yagura coast mud flat, we develop recommendations for protecting the valuable pockets of nature remaining in cities.



## Making Life Worthwhile for Pollution Victims

Pollution victims want to recover their health, which was damaged by air pollution, and continue living meaningfully where they've always lived, free of worries. To improve the health of aging pollution victims and give them purpose in life, we provide instruction in horticulture, water relaxation, and other activities. We also perform studies to understand patient convalescence, and consider what assistive measures are needed for aging pollution victims.



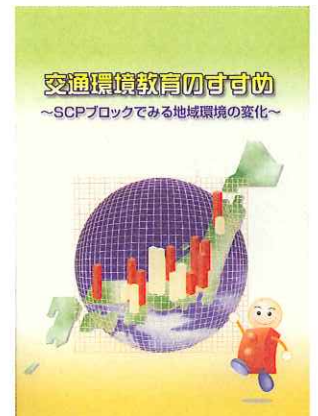
## Publications and Videos

- *Bringing Nature Back to the City*, co-authored, Gakugei Publishing, 2000 (¥2,000)
- *Educational Panels on Nishiyodogawa Pollution*, 2001 (¥5,000).  
Sixteen full-color B3 size panels with explanatory documentation.
- *Kaburi and Grandpa Eco Explore and Map Their Community*, 2002 (¥500)
- *Motor Vehicles and the Environment : Local Environmental Change as Seen with the SCP Block*, 2002 (free)
- *Video: A Blue Sky for Our Children: A Message from the Future*, 2005

And many more



*Kaburi and Grandpa Eco Explore and Map Their Community* ¥500



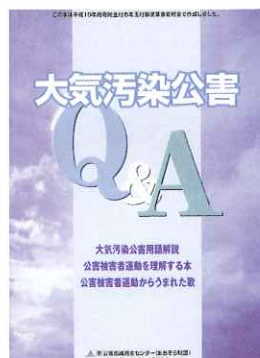
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# The Aozora Foundation

## There are many ways to participate.

Your membership dues, contributions, and volunteer activities support the foundation's activities.

### ● Let's work together.

We hold seminars, lectures, and participatory workshops, and conduct a variety of surveys and studies. Your participation can broaden our activities.

### ● Become a supporting member.

- We hope that people who endorse our efforts will help by becoming supporting members.

#### • Annual Membership Dues

Individual ¥5,000/share

Student ¥2,000/share

Corporation/organization ¥10,000/share



### Membership Benefits

- \* You receive our magazine *Libella* (published six times yearly) and our Annual Report.
- \* You receive our email newsletter *Aozora EXPRESS* (registration required).
- \* We send you information on events, lectures, seminars, and other foundation-sponsored activities.
- \* There are members-only discounts of various kinds.
- \* You can participate in the planning and running of events.
- \* You can participate in venues for fellowship among members.

### ● Volunteer Staff Members Needed

We very likely have just the work you are looking for. Register to help now.

### ● Now about an internship?

What's it like working for an environmental NPO?

If you're interested in knowing, please give it a try. Talk to us about internships from two weeks to long-term commitments.

## Give us a call!

Ask for a Membership Application, Volunteer Staff Registration Form, or Intern Training Application Form, then fill it out and send it to us by postal mail or fax. You can also apply through our website.





### ● About the Aozora Building

On the rooftop we've installed wind and photovoltaic generating equipment. Walls are coated with a photocatalyst that reduces nitrogen oxides (NOx). Our building is identifiable by a mural depicting the Earth linked through forests and oceans.

- 6th floor    Library stacks
- 5th floor    Nishiyodogawa Library on Pollution and the Environment (part of the Aozora Foundation)  
Holds a collection including source materials on pollution and the environment, and books useful in community development and environmental studies.
- 4th floor    Aozora Foundation office
- 3rd floor    Green Room (a conference room owned by Nishiyodogawa Pollution Victims and Families Association)
- 2nd floor    Nishiyodogawa Pollution Victims and Families Association office
- 1st floor    Multipurpose area



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Mitejima Station on the JR Tozai Line

A three-minute walk from exit #4 of the underground passage, on National Route 2, second building away from the UFJ Bank.